



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

Resolution 2023-068 Directing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Larimer County and Certification of Ballot Questions for the Municipal Election to be Conducted by Larimer County in Conjunction with the November 7, 2023, Coordinated Election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Larimer County for the conduct of the November election, and to direct the City Clerk to certify ballot content to the County no later than September 8, 2023. Both of these actions are required by State statute.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the November 2022 General Election, voters approved a change to the timing of the City's regular election to November in odd-numbered years. This will be the first regular election held in November.

State statute requires that the City enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the County regarding the conduct of the election. In addition, the City must certify ballot content by the statutory deadline of September 8, 2023.

The City portion of the ballot will contain contests for the offices of Mayor, and Councilmembers in Districts 2, 4, and 6, in addition to at least one Charter amendment already submitted to the voters along with other possible Charter amendments considered this same date or before the statutory deadline.

As this is a coordinated election with the County the Secretary of State's Election Rules dictate the order that matters will appear on the ballot. Pursuant to state statute City issues and questions will appear after state and county measures on the ballot. The Secretary of State requires that City matters appear in the following order:

- (1) Referred measure to increase taxes;
- (2) Referred measures to retain excess revenues;
- (3) Referred measure to increase debt;
- (4) Other referred measures;

- (5) Initiatives to increase taxes;
- (6) Initiatives to retain excess revenue;
- (7) Initiatives to increase debt;
- (8) Other citizen petitions.

All ballot measures in each category will appear in the order that they are certified to the ballot after the protest period has ended, or if a protest was filed after the protest has been completed.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The cost of the November election is unknown. Funds are budgeted for this election.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration